

REMARKS

In the Office action, claims 1 and 5-12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as anticipated by US 4,448,493 to Matsudaira et al.

Claim 1 has been amended to recite a solid electrolyte where the hydroxyl groups of the polyvinyl alcohol domain are acetalized into an *acetal*. Matsudaira et al. fails to disclose an electrolyte material containing an acetal.


Claim 1 further recites the hydroxyl groups of the PVA domain are acetalized. Acetalized hydroxyl groups are not disclosed in Matsudaira et al. Instead, Matsudaira et al. teaches the hydroxyl groups are *acetylated* i.e. they are esterified with carboxylic acid.

Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

It is believed that no additional fee is due, however, should that be incorrect, please charge to Deposit Account No. 19-2105 and inform the undersigned in due course.

Respectfully submitted,

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